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10 January 1966

BRIEFING NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: OXCART Status Report

I. OXCART Performance

A. As of 5 January 1966, a total of 2,612 hours has been logged by OXCART A-12 aircraft on 1760 flights. Of the totals, 1201 flights accumulating 1713 hours were with the twin J-58 engine propulsion installation.

B. The following milestones have been achieved as of 5 January 1966:

TOTAL FLIGHTS -----	1760
TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS -----	2611:59
TOTAL J-58 FLIGHTS -----	1201
TOTAL J-58 FLIGHT HOURS----	1713:16
MAXIMUM MACH -----	3:29
MAXIMUM ALTITUDE -----	90,000 Ft.
LONGEST SUSTAINED FLIGHT WITH TWO J-58 ENGINES -----	6:12 Hrs

LONGEST PERIOD OF SUSTAINED
FLIGHT ABOVE MACH 3.2 --- 1:14 Hrs

TOTAL TIME ABOVE MACH 3.0 - 120:46 Hrs

PRE-OVERSEAS OPERATIONAL VALIDATION:
Successfully completed in December 1965

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

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C. Pre-overseas deployment validation/reliability flights, 97 in number, were conducted between mid-August and mid-December in the BLACK SHIELD configuration. The aircraft and systems have been successfully qualified for the operational mission.

D. Total A-12 aircraft inventory: Ten aircraft including one two-place trainer and two test aircraft.

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II. OX CART Deployment Plan

25X1 A. The A-12 has been declared operationally ready and capable of performing photographic [] in the Pacific Theater to include:

1. Major portions of the Chinese Mainland including all of South, East, Central and most of North China through the eastern tip of Mongolia through Manchuria to the Soviet Border.

2. North Korea.

3. []

4. All of Southeast Asia.

25X1 B. Operational missions can be conducted at altitudes of 76,000 feet and above at Mach 3.1 (1800 knots) speed. Range extension is accomplished utilizing aerial refuelings outside denied areas with KC-135 tankers of The Strategic Air Command. A KC-135 Squadron will be deployed to Kadena to provide this support. All missions are planned to launch from and recover at Kadena AFB.

C. The program status provides for a Quick Reaction Capability (QRC) of 15 - 19 days from notification to flight of first mission from Kadena. Plans for deployment of necessary personnel [] people), equipment and aircraft have been finalized and coordinated with ZI and overseas commands. Three A-12 aircraft will be deployed [] to Kadena AFB utilizing aerial refueling and an intermediate stop at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

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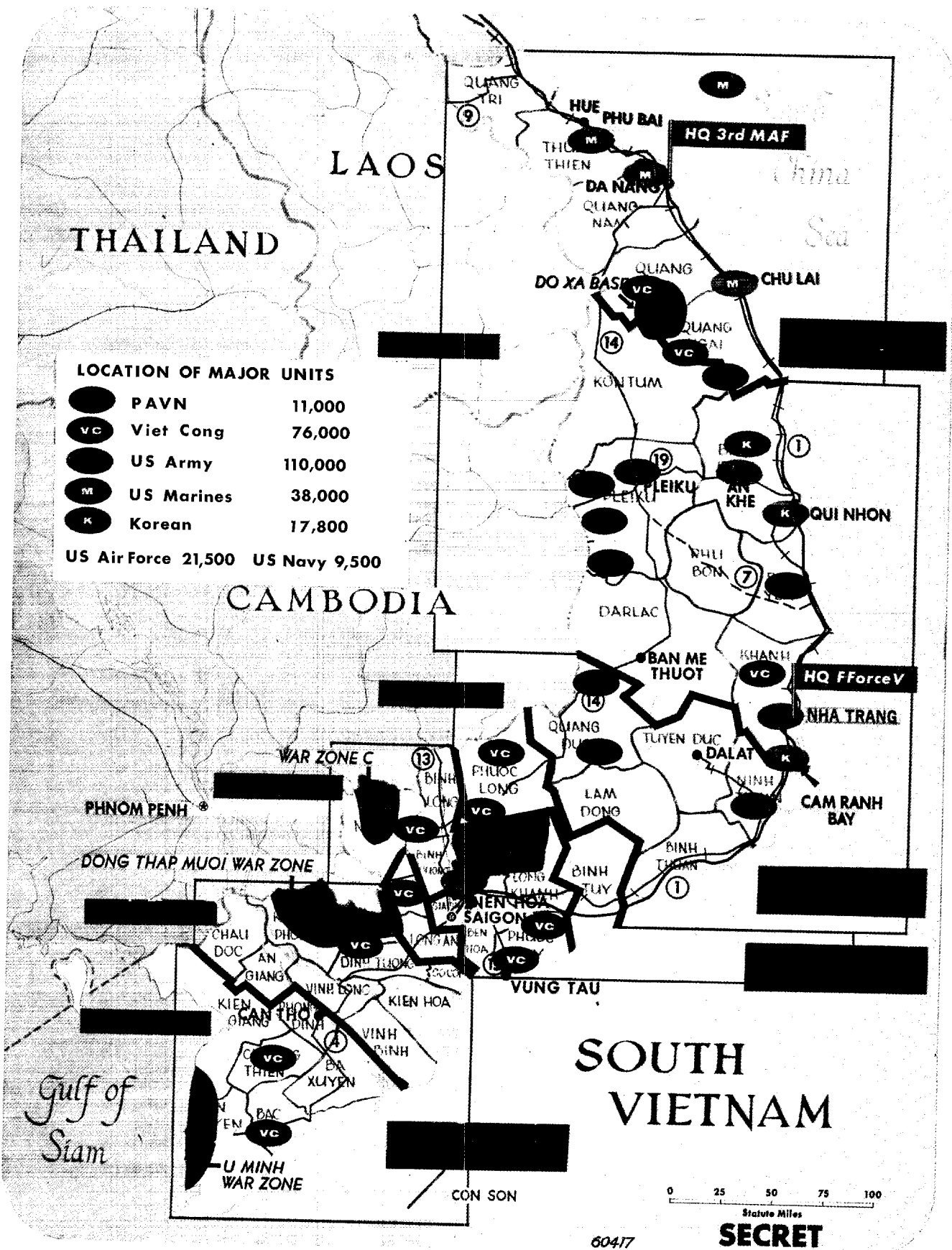
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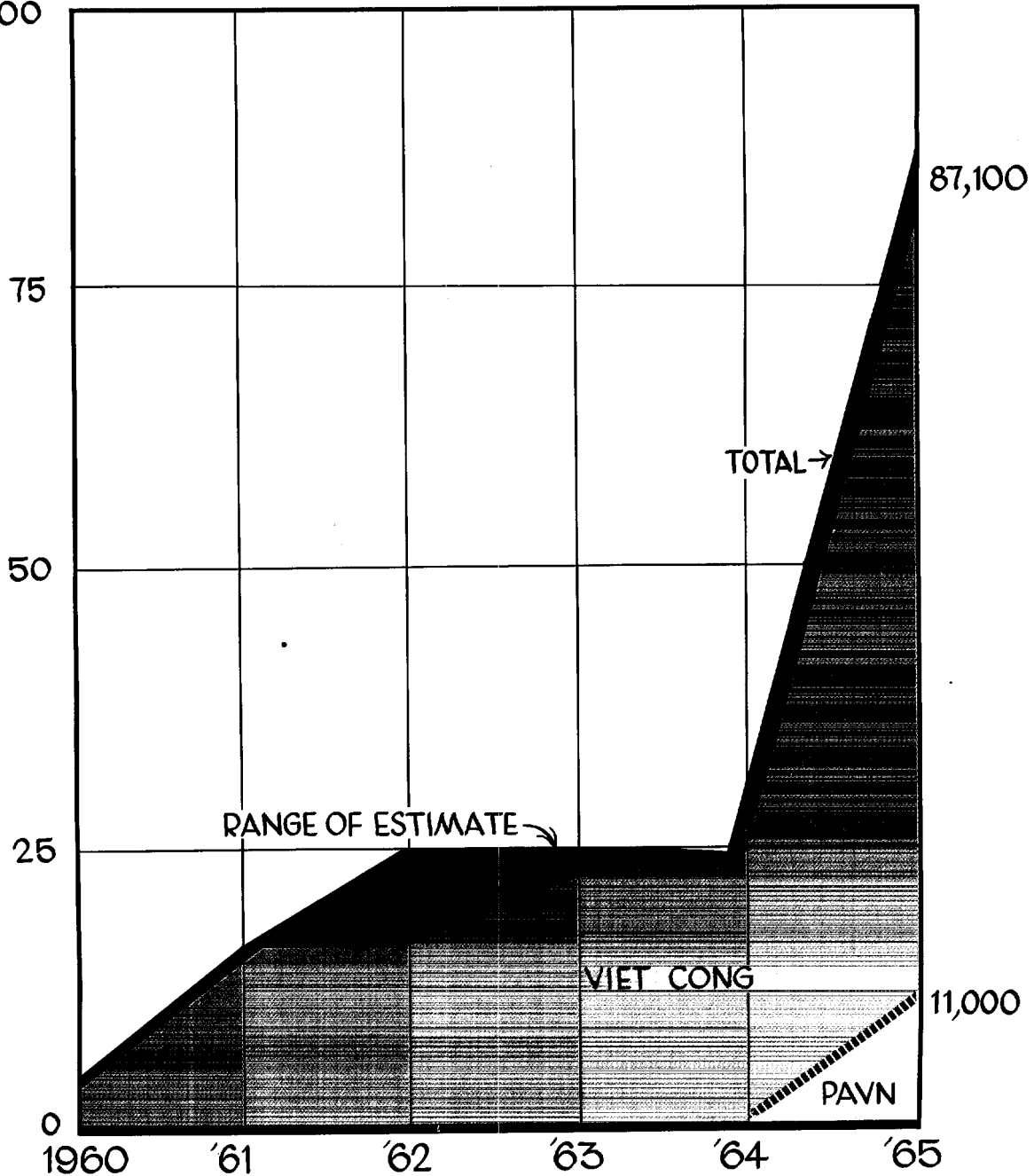
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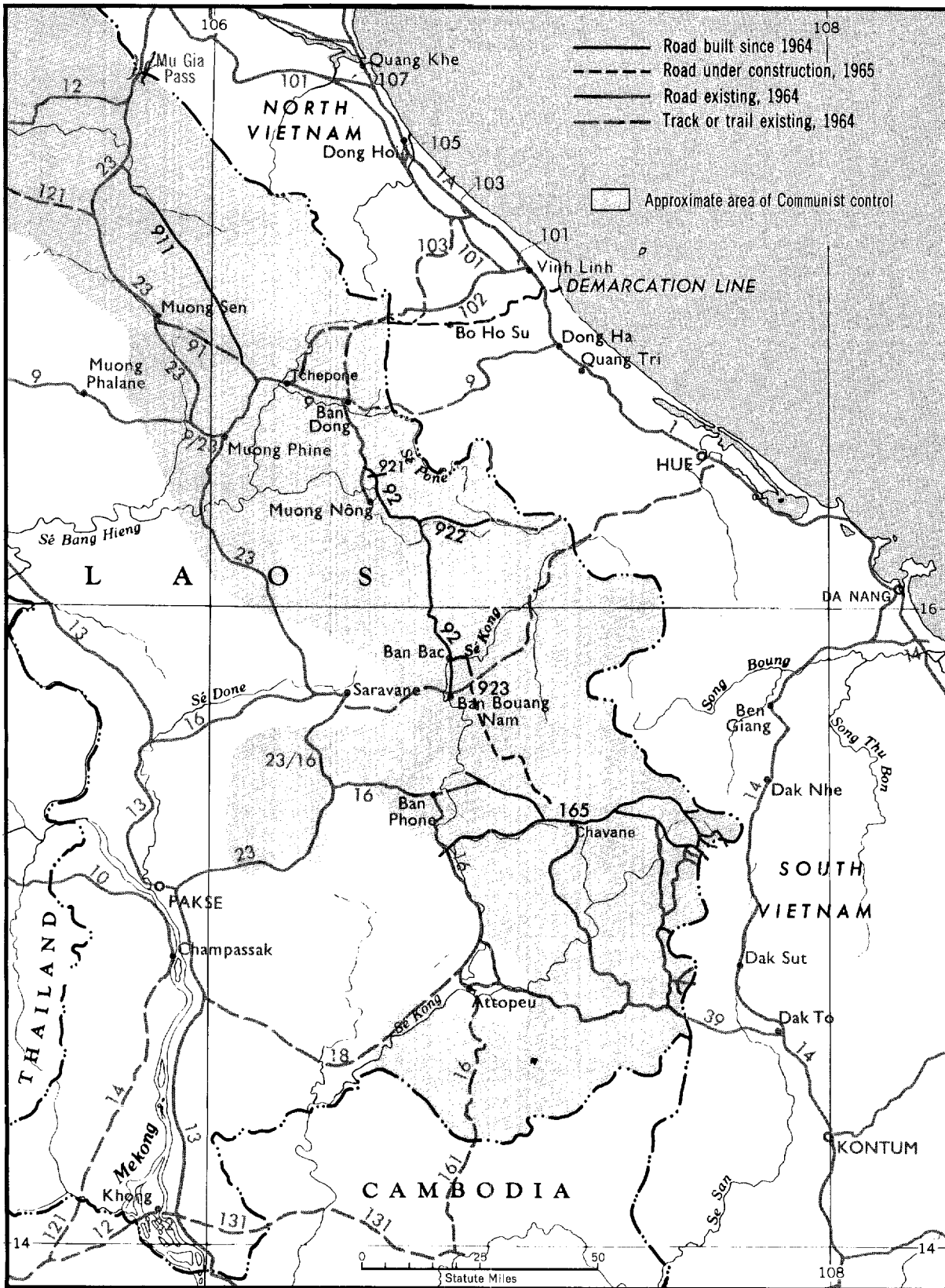


1965 Estimate of VC Irregulars 103,600

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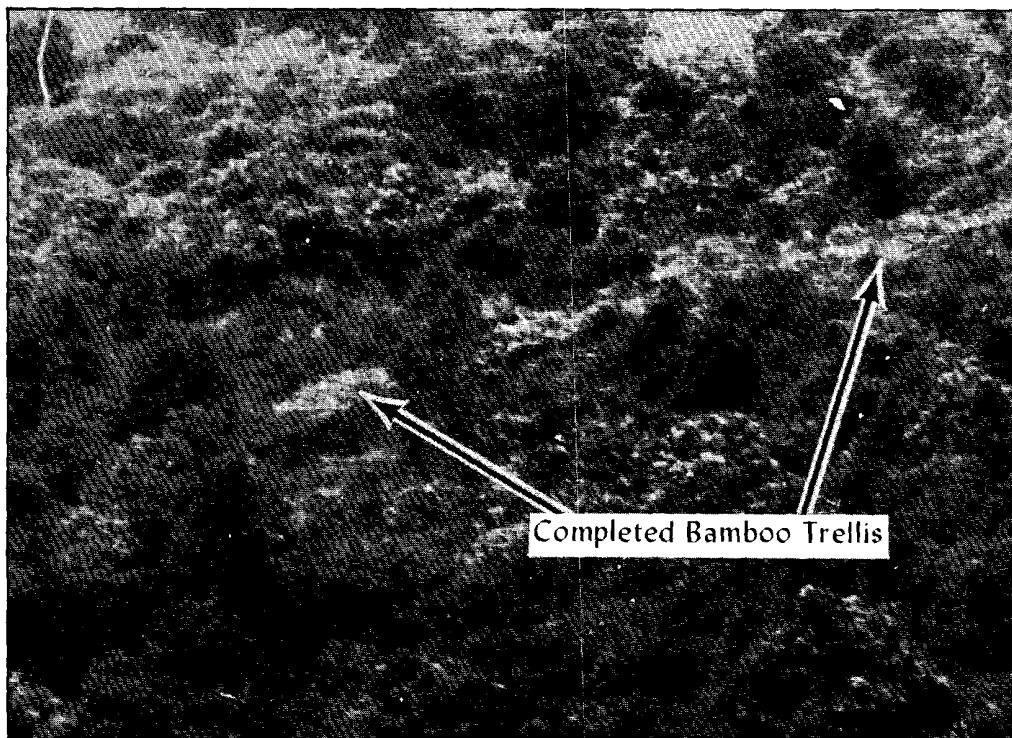
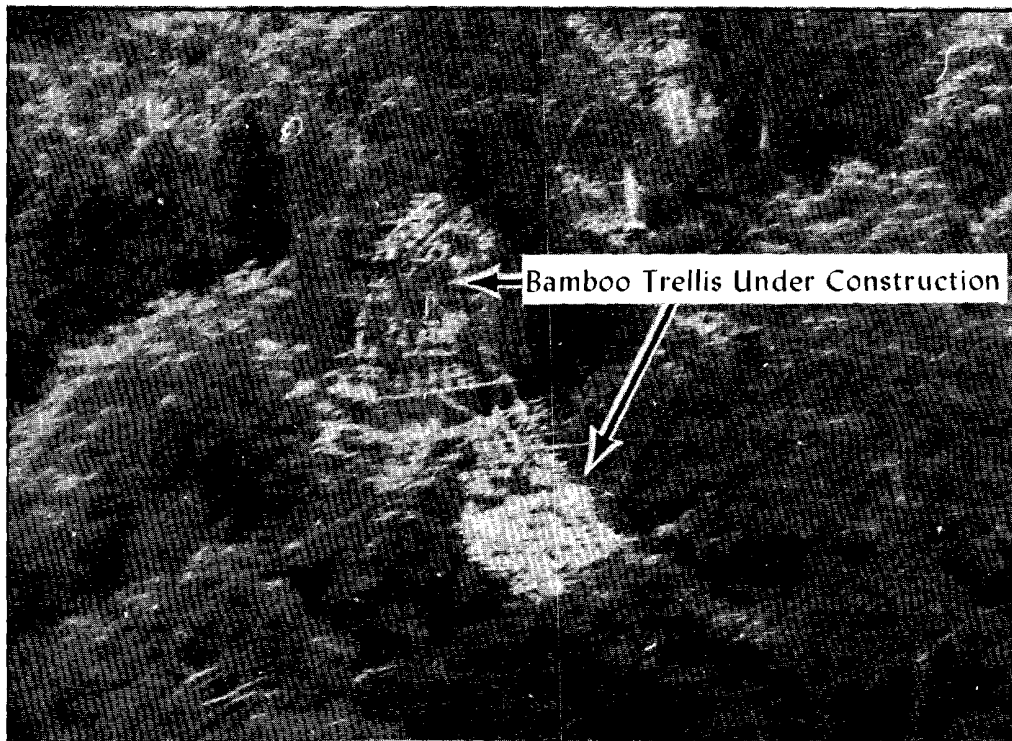
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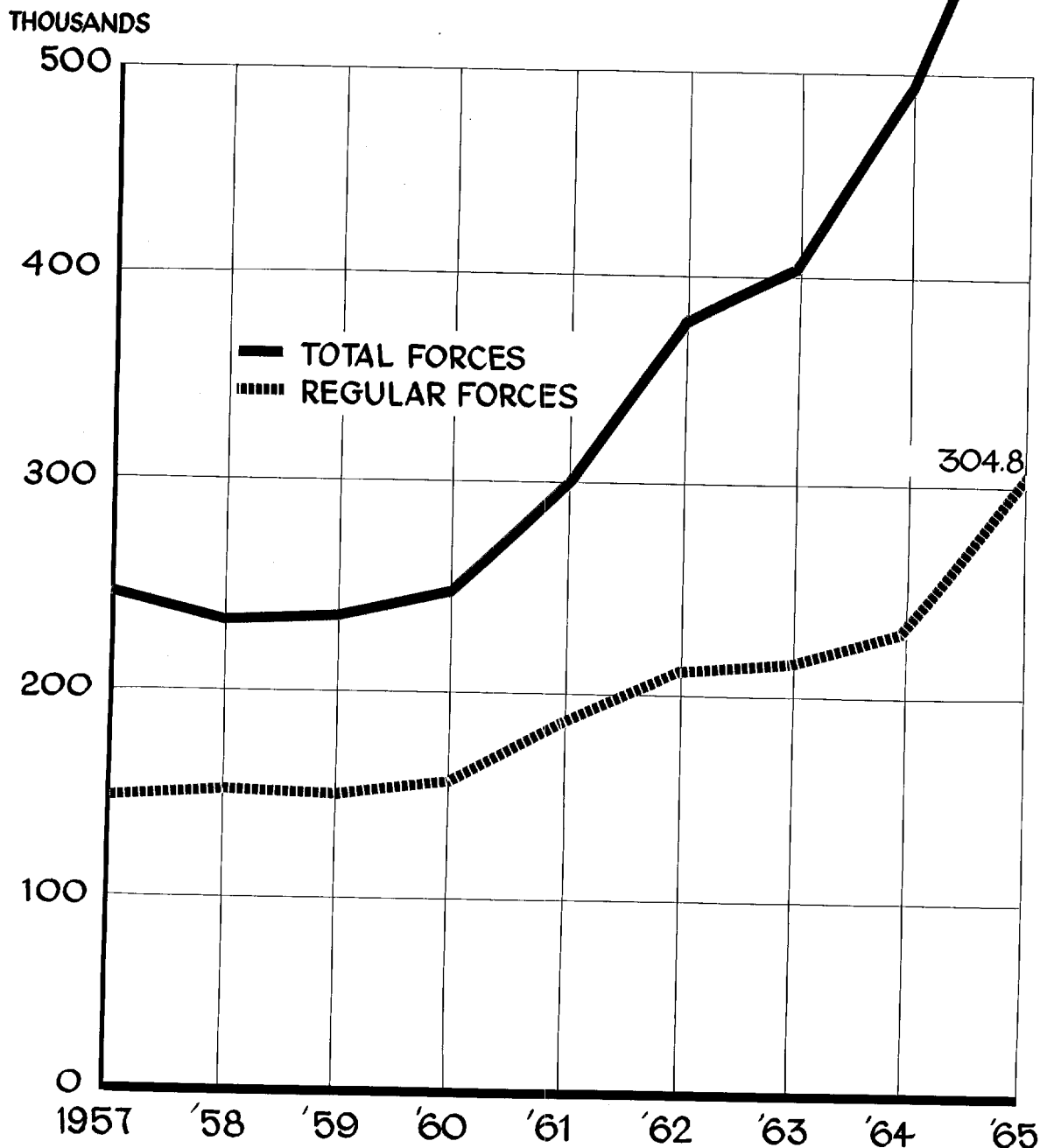


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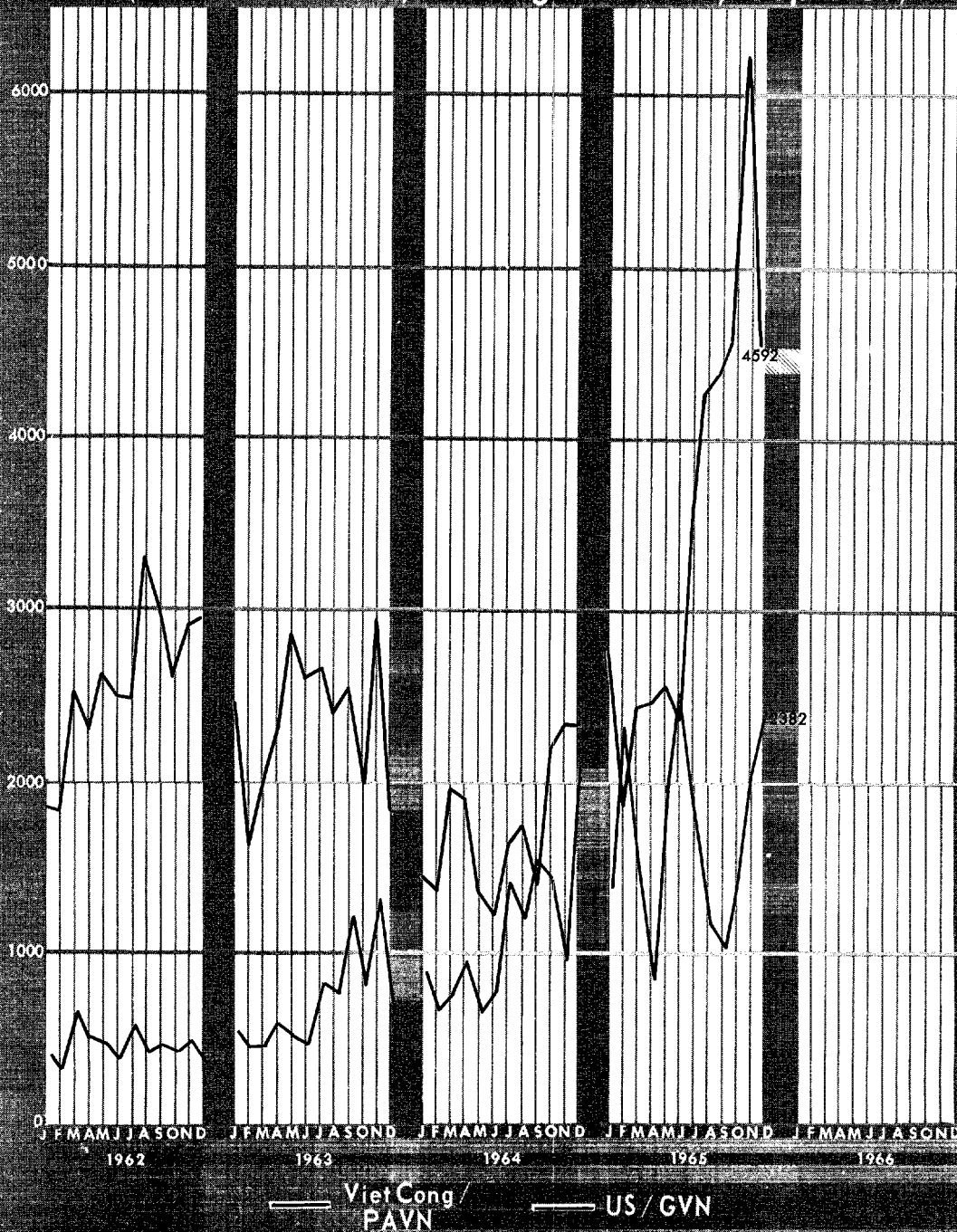


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SOUTH VIETNAM: BATTLE STATISTICS MONTHLY REPORT

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PERSONNEL LOSSES (Killed in Action, Missing in Action, Captured)



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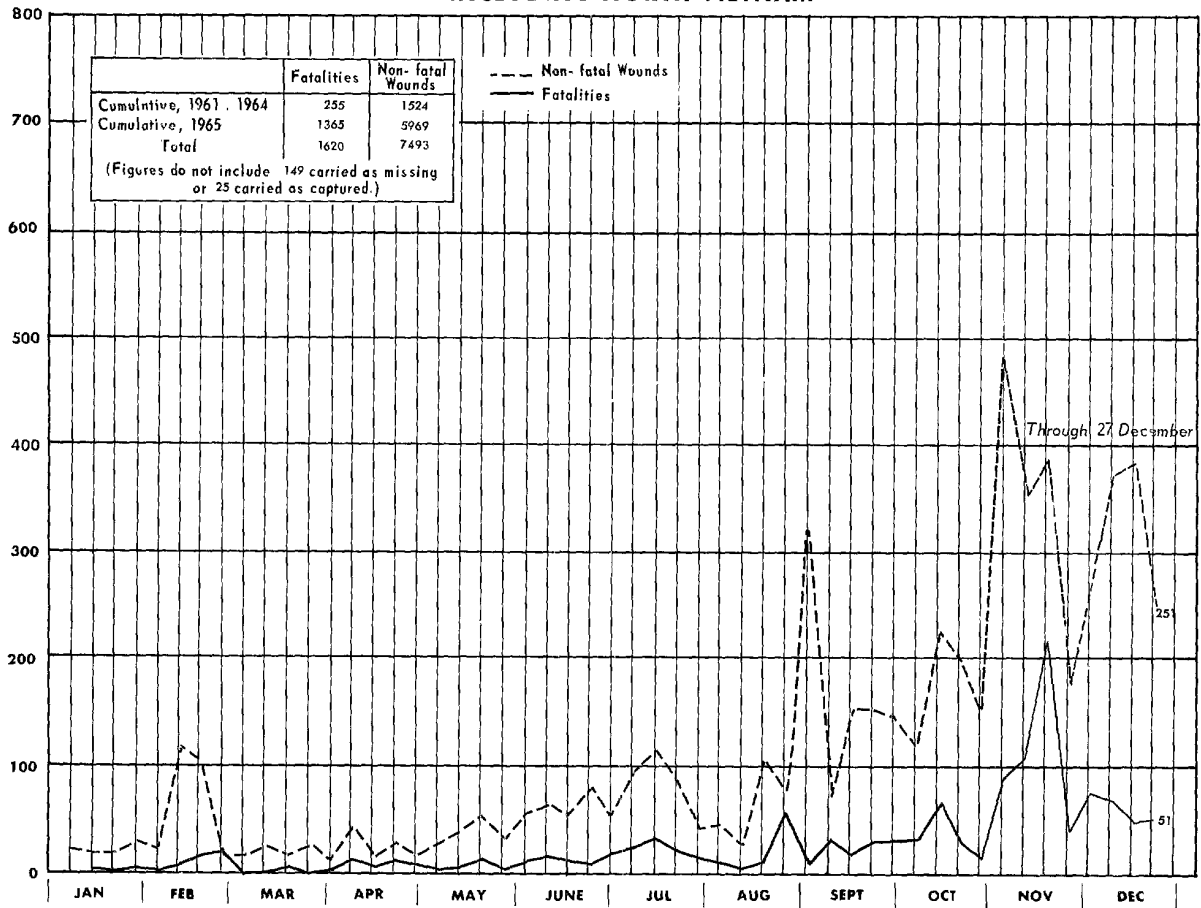
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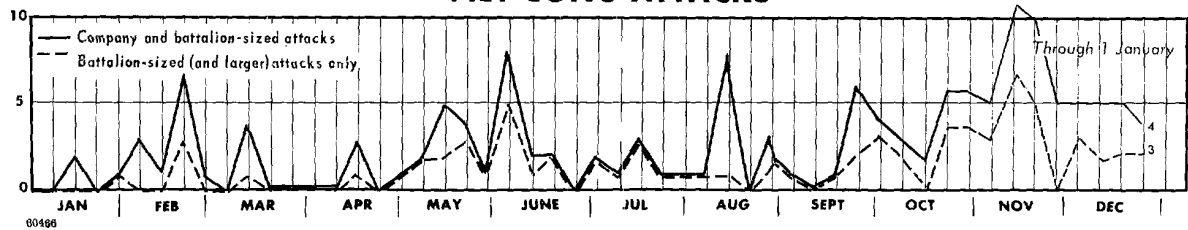
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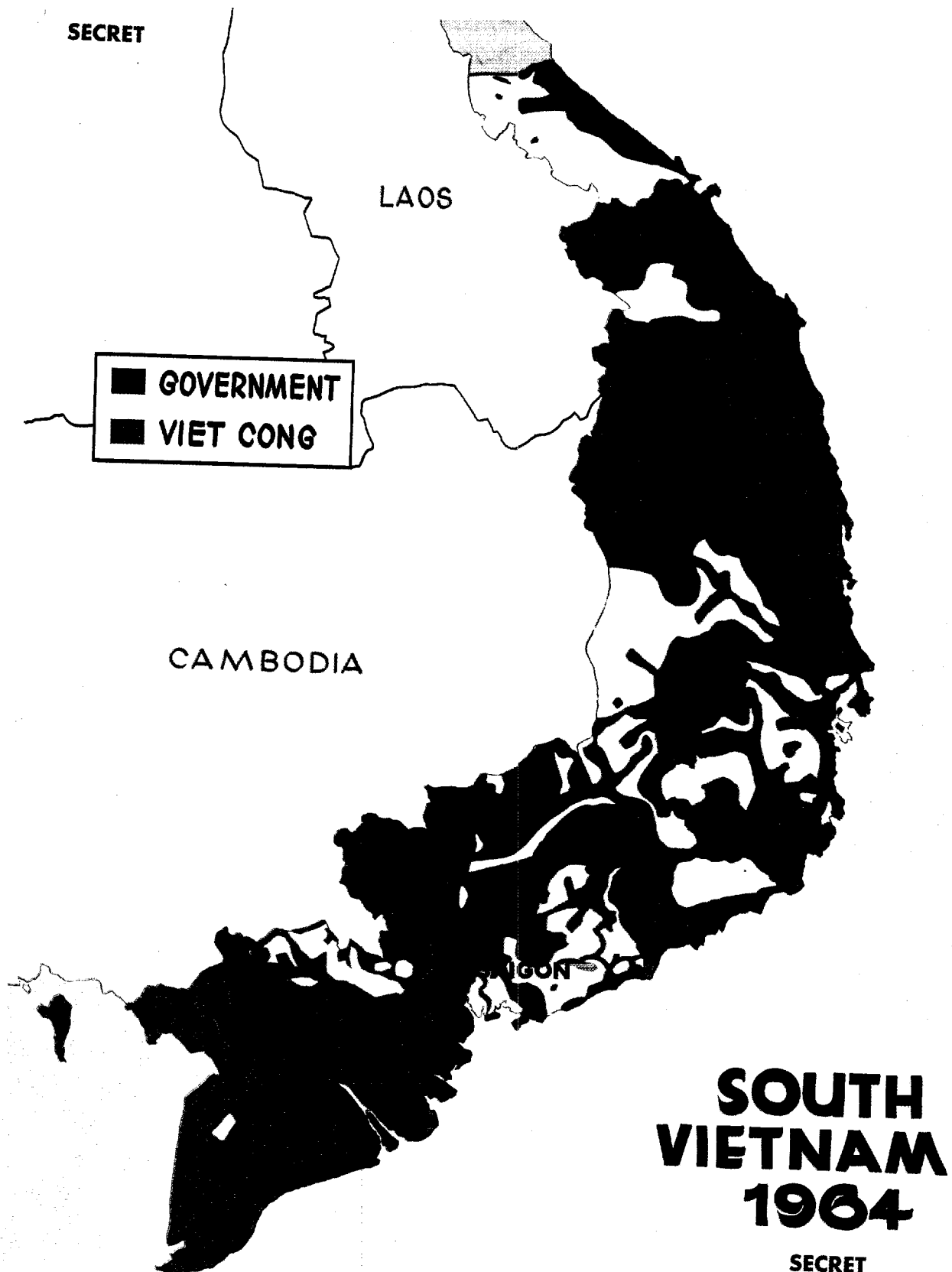


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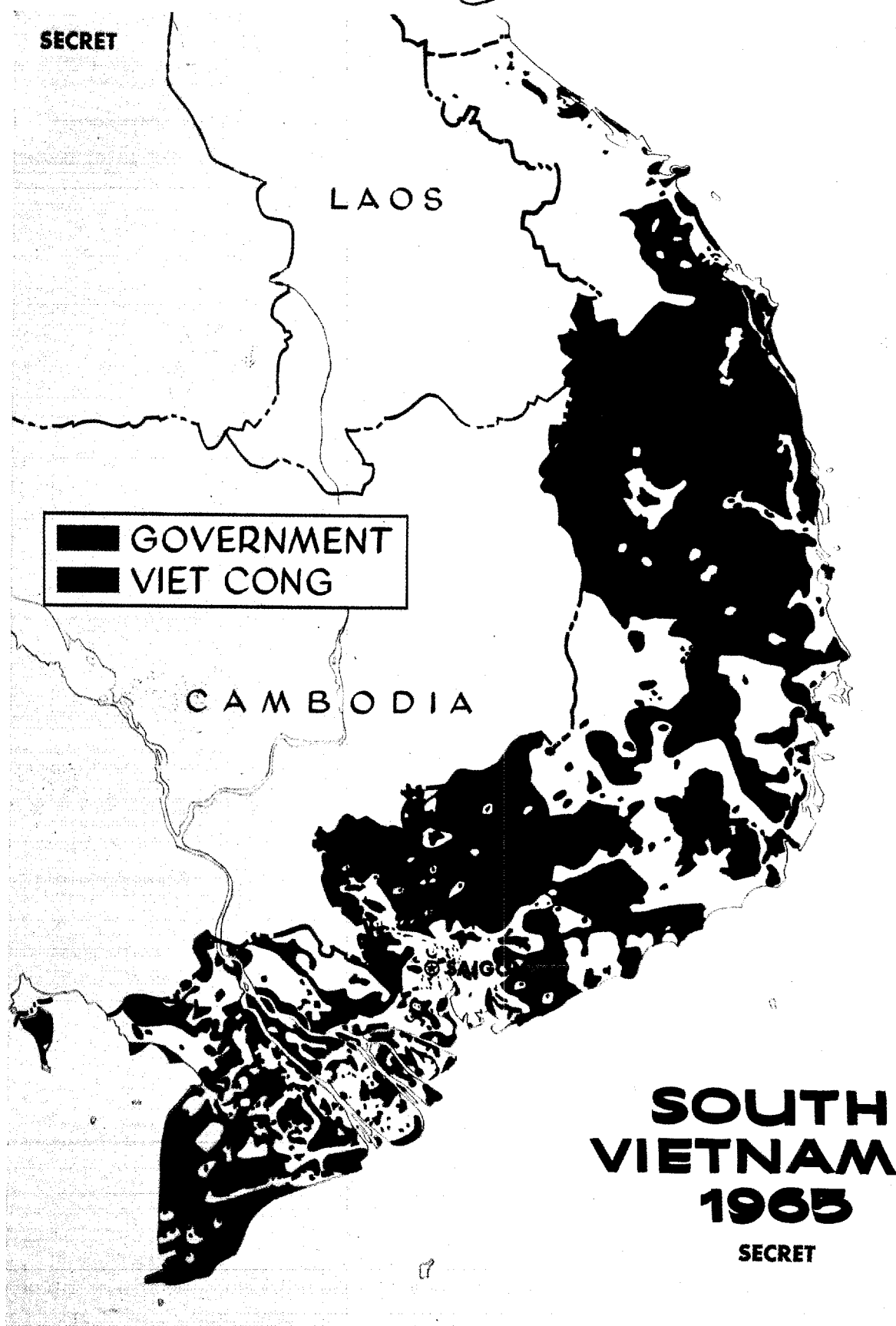


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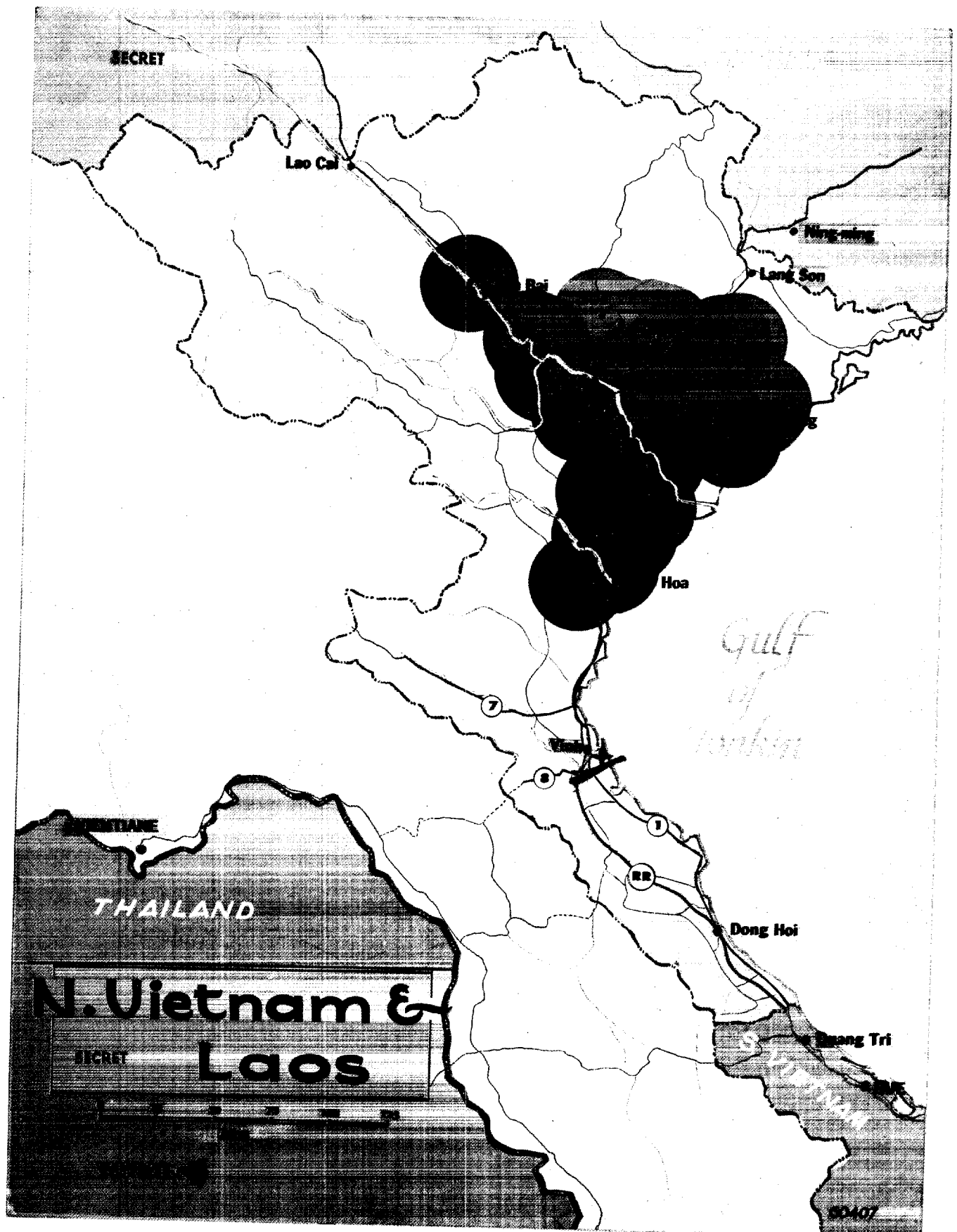
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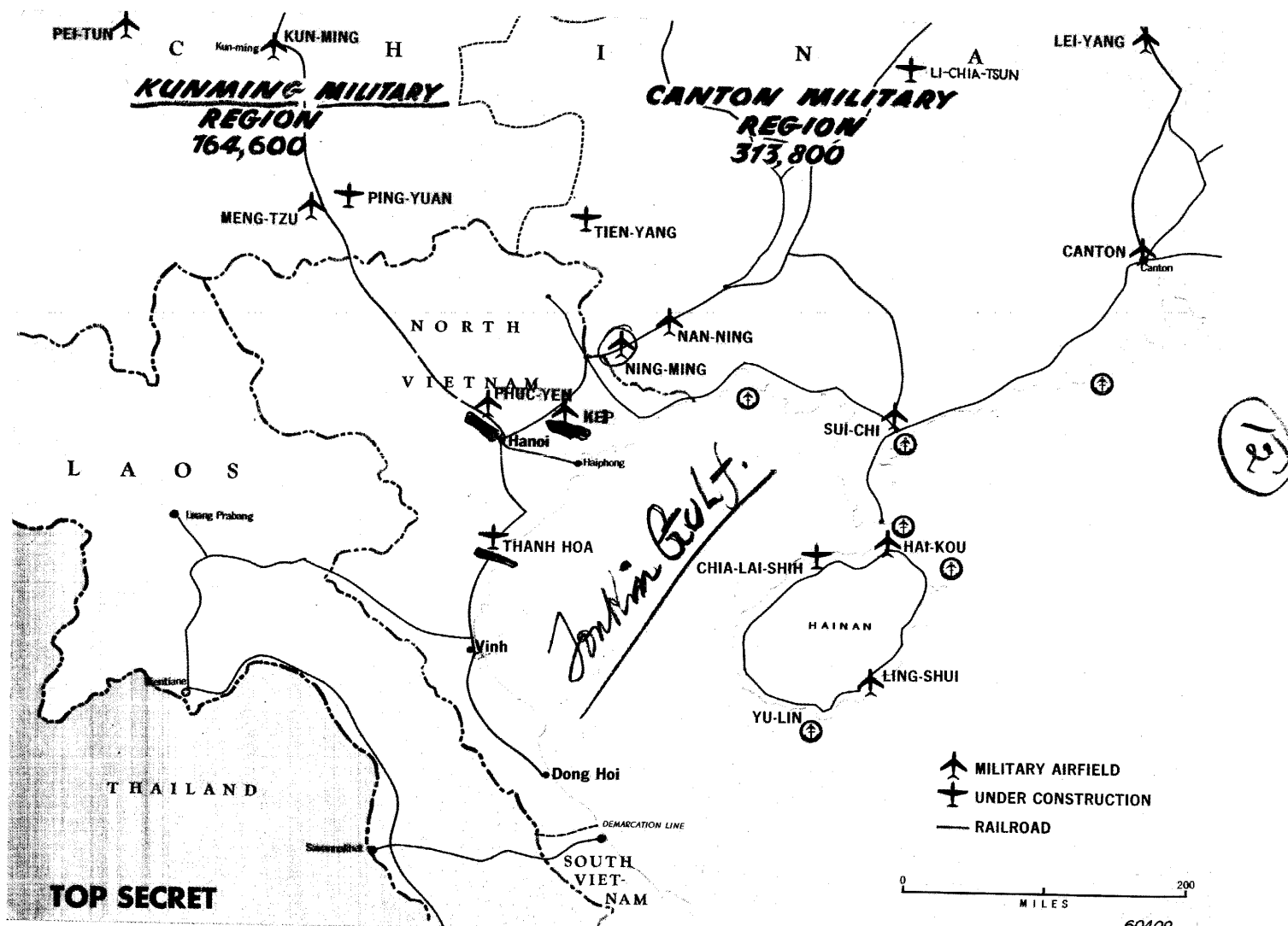


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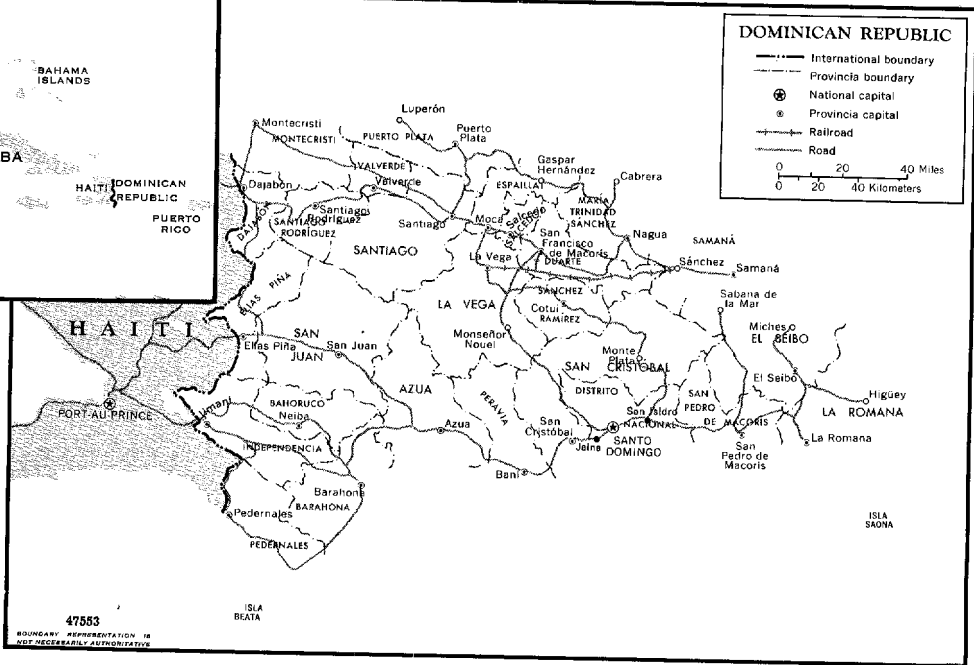




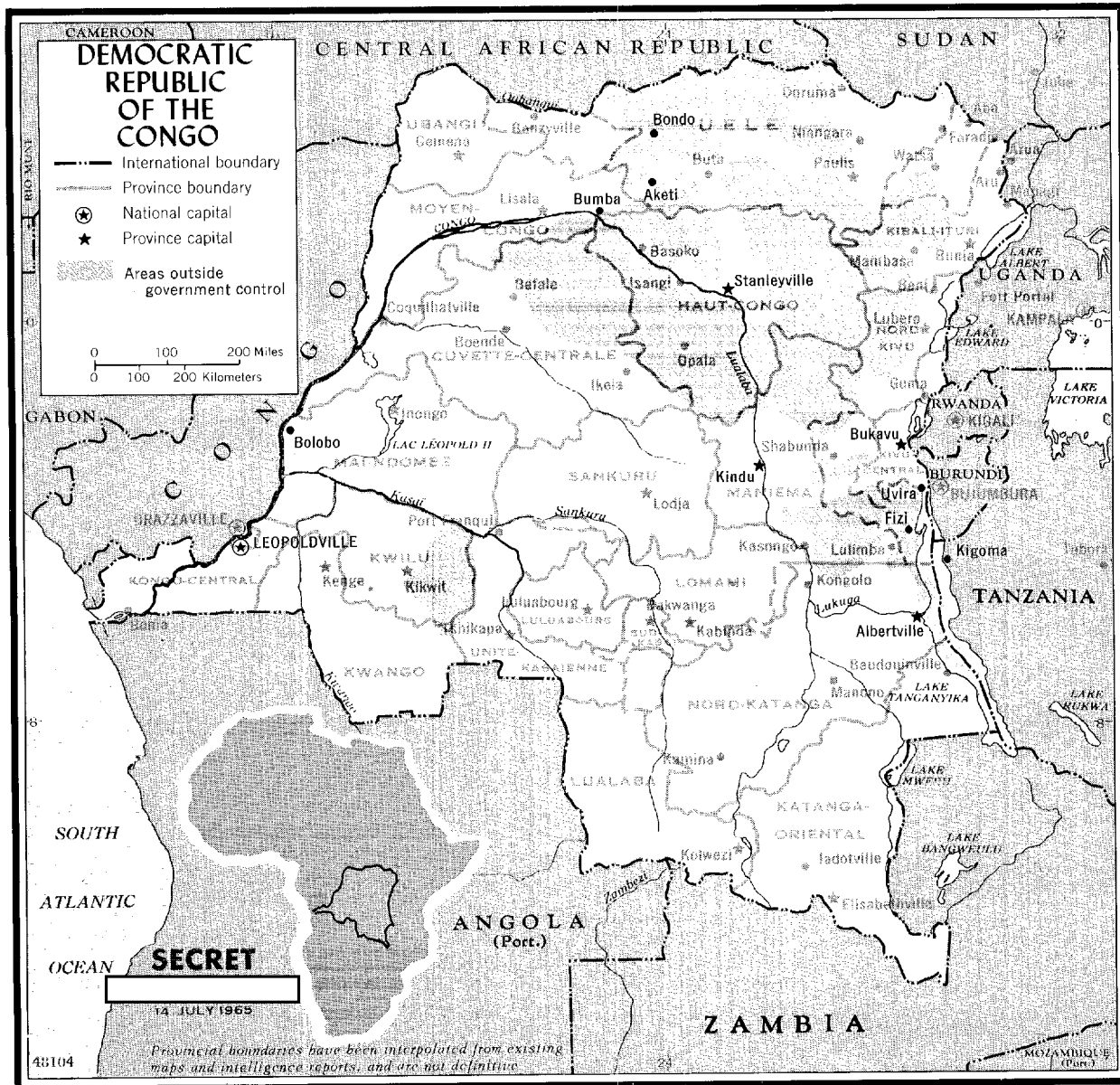
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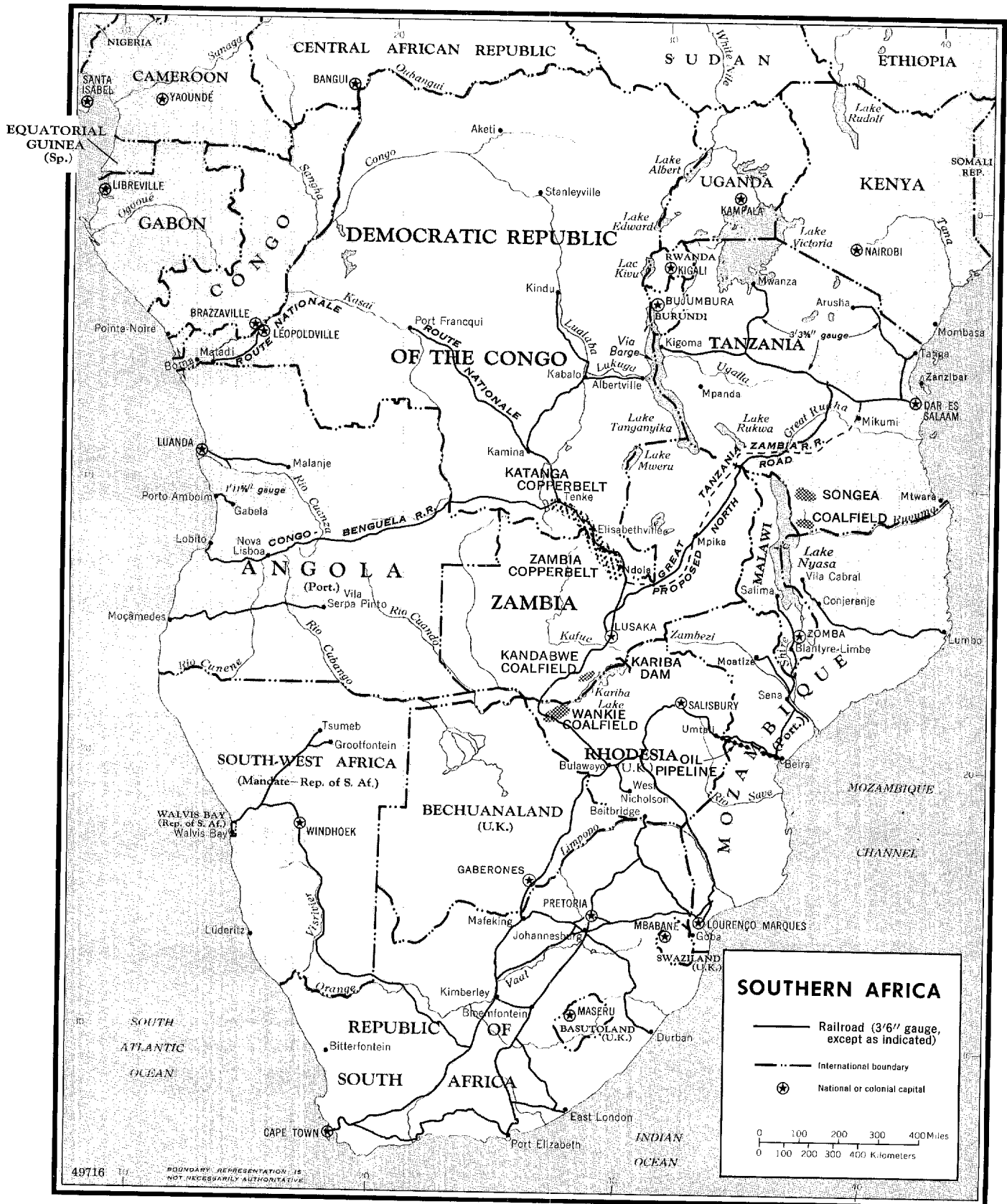
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